

Sulfur Hexafluoride Registration Advisory

Sulfur Hexafluoride Distributor Registration and Mailing:

Three -Month Grace Period for Distributors Subject to March 30, 2010 Deadline

The Air Resources Board is completing outreach to sulfur hexafluoride distributors. In order to ensure adequate time for operators to complete registration and mailings, ARB is administratively providing a one-time grace period of three months for registration and completion of the mailing of the regulation to their previous purchasers of sulfur hexafluoride.

Background and Current Action

On February 26, 2009, the California Air Resources Board adopted the Regulation for the Reducing Sulfur Hexafluoride Emissions, as required by the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. The regulation became effective January 1, 2010, and is codified at title 17, California Code of Regulations, sections 95340-95346. The rule requires distributors of sulfur hexafluoride in California to register and provide an annual report of sales. Distributors must also mail a copy of the regulation to their purchasers of sulfur hexafluoride. The registration and mailing deadline is March 30, 2010.

To ensure that distributors have sufficient time and opportunity to register and send the regulation to users, ARB will not enforce the March 30, 2010 report deadline until after June 30, 2010. For this initial year of registration, ARB will not consider enforcement action against any distributor for failure to register or complete the mailing to users until after June 30, 2010.